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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Policy Coordination  
Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination  
Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Proposal for exploitation of certain Japanese sources

REFERENCES: Memo from AD/PC to AD/RE, 7 November 1950  
Memo from AD/RR to AD/CD, 22 January 1951  
Letters forwarded by AD/OO to [redacted]  
O/RR, 25 January 1951

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1. The External Research unit of this Office has conferred with various interested parties and carefully investigated the possibilities for procurement and utilization of unexploited studies carried out by Japanese pure and social scientists prior to 1945 in areas in and around the Pacific Basin, possibilities apparently first raised by Mr. Plotsch of the Public Health Service and Mr. Coolidge of the National Research Council.

2. This Office believes that, in general, the chance of obtaining useful information from Japanese materials still in Japan is too nebulous, and the type of information that might be gained is not high enough on priority lists, to justify diversion of effort from more urgently needed and more promising projects. Specifically, this Office considers it unlikely that any of its own pressing needs would be met by so expensive a survey. Therefore O/RR intends to proceed no further in the matter at this time.

3. A copy of the report prepared by the External Research unit is attached for your information.

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